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New Kendall Gallery draws crowd for grand opening reception Nov. 3

About 400 patrons of the arts attended a Nov. 3 grand opening reception at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School's new gallery to view the works of young hearing impaired artists from KDES and Argentina and to witness a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Gallaudet President King Jordan.

"This is what I have been talking about—this is excellence," Jordan said during his remarks at the ceremony. He also said that the founding of the gallery, which will feature international offerings of young hearing and hearing impaired artists, is an example of the "connective experience" that binds the Gallaudet community.

The reception drew educators, business and community leaders, and members of the Gallaudet community. On display at the opening were more than 300 works, including a videotape and a slide show prepared by Kendall students.

In addition to Jordan, speakers at the gathering included Dr. Robert Davila, vice president for Pre-College Programs, Al Couthen, assistant principal of KDES, and Stephanie Skurdy, communications director for the McDonald's Corporation.

McDonald's and the Polaroid Corporation were largely responsible for funding the $9,000 project.

Kendall Gallery occupies 50 yards of a corridor on the third floor of KDES. It was built last summer by the University's Design and Construction Unit of the Physical Plant Department.

The gallery will serve not only as showcase for young artists' works but will also feature a visiting artist series. KDES Art Instructor Phil Bogdan said that the series is expected to start next fall and attract well-known artists who will display their works and give workshops and lectures.

Bogdan called the opening reception "a wonderful experience. It was just beautiful." He said that the opening is expected to launch a greater understanding of "the universal language of art.

"We expect the Kendall Gallery to instill pride, confidence, tolerance, insight, and most importantly, the realization that each individual is unique," Bogdan added.

The art exhibit will be on display through February. Kendall Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays by appointment. Groups interested in touring the gallery may schedule an appointment by calling Marlene Matthews in the KDES Principal's Office at x5031.

Research annual report available

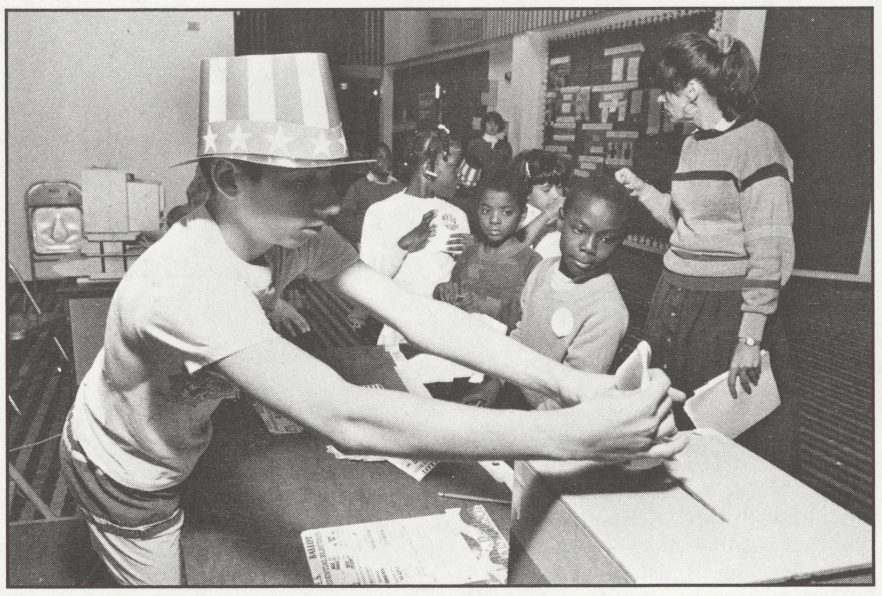
A Tradition of Discovery: The 1987/88 Annual Report of the Gallaudet Research Institute is now available.

This year's "Anniversary Report" commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) and the 20th anniversary of the Annual Survey of Hearing Impaired Children and Youth, an ongoing study conducted by GRI's Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies.

Special emphasis has been placed this year on presenting the scientific information contained in the report's project summaries in ways that will communicate to a broader audience. The report includes a new "Highlights" section and write-ups of national and international GRI-sponsored events to show the extent to which people are touched by Gallaudet's research, according to Shawn Davies, coordinator of GRI's Scientific Communications Program, the unit that produces the report. The information on extramural funding sources and collaboration also illustrates the breadth and scope of GRI projects.

"Our hope is that this report will help make the GRI's research programs an 'open book' for all of its readers," said Dr. Michael Karchmer, interim dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Comments and questions about the annual report or the research it describes are welcomed. To obtain copies, contact the Scientific Communications Program in Fay House, x5400.



A Kendall student casts his ballot during KDES' mock election, held the day before the real polls opened. Democrat Michael Dukakis won by a wide margin.

Students gain insight into politics at Kendall through mock election

If Kendall Demonstration Elementary School students had their way, Michael Dukakis would have been the next president of the United States.

The students, along with faculty and staff, joined the nation last week by casting their votes for president in a mock election. The outcome was a landslide victory for the Democrats, with Michael Dukakis upsetting Vice President George Bush 108-35. Two write-in ballots were cast for Jesse Jackson, who missed getting the nod as the Democratic presidential nominee.

Kendall's mock election was one of many to take place in schools across America. But Kendall students didn't just vote—they also gained insights into various aspects of the electoral process through intensive work that began in September.

The students established voting precincts, registered voters, presented the issues of the candidates, designed posters, and decorated polling booths. On voting day, Nov. 7, they carried live news reports and presented an analysis of election data.

"We started the students on the road to citizenship by having them exercise their right to vote," said Don Mahoney, a social studies content specialist who organized the mock election.

"The whole concept was for the students to learn by doing," said Mahoney. "The students had the opportunity to set up and run all jobs necessary to organize an election." In the process, he said, the experience fostered civic responsibility among the students and made them aware of important issues facing the nation and the world.

The students were kept abreast of the candidates' stances on important issues by reading newspapers and magazines, supplemented by brochures from each candidate's Washington campaign headquarters. Also, on the Friday before the election, students were chosen to act as each of the presidential candidates and present information about their backgrounds and positions on key issues such as the environment, education, and defense.

Mahoney said that he feels the students were well informed when they cast their ballots. "They got both sides of the picture, and they leaned toward Dukakis." He conjectured that the outcome of the mock election "reflects the Democratic [party's] stronghold in D.C."



(LEFT) Dr. Robert Davila, vice president for Pre-College Programs, speaks at the opening night reception for Kendall Gallery. (RIGHT) Visitors view works of art in the new gallery.

Announcements

The Gallaudet Sertoma Club is sponsoring a free luncheon for prospective members on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at noon in "Ole Jim." An orientation to the Sertoma Club will be presented at the luncheon. Reservations are required; call Denise Sullivan at x5350.

"Blind Obedience: Polygamy in America Today" will be presented by Pat Johanson, coordinator of Professional and Community Training in the National Academy, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6:45-8 p.m. in the Ely multipurpose room. Both of Johanson's sisters joined a polygamist group in Utah and married deaf men who were practicing polygamists. One sister left the group three years ago and the other died last year. The presentation will discuss various aspects of polygamy, including background, family structure, status of women, and political attitudes, plus the status of a court battle Johanson is engaged in to try to remove her six nieces and nephews from the group. The presentation is sponsored by the Sociology and Social Work Department.

Open Season, the time when regular employees can change or join health benefits plans, has begun and will continue through Dec. 9. Changes or elections will become effective Jan. 1, 1989. Employees can attend health benefits fairs on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ely multipurpose room or from 3-5 p.m. in the MSSD faculty lounge. Registration forms for changing or joining a plan are available in College Hall, Personnel Office, Room 7; KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 206; HMB, Room 109; CUB, M & O Administrative Office (3rd floor); or NWC, Business Services Office, Webster Hall.

Gina Oliva of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation is conducting "Sign 'n Sweat" classes at the Bowie, Md., YMCA now through Dec. 21. Classes are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Dwight Benedict, Gallaudet's director of Student Life, was incorrectly identified as director of Residence Life in the Oct. 21 issue of *On the Green*.

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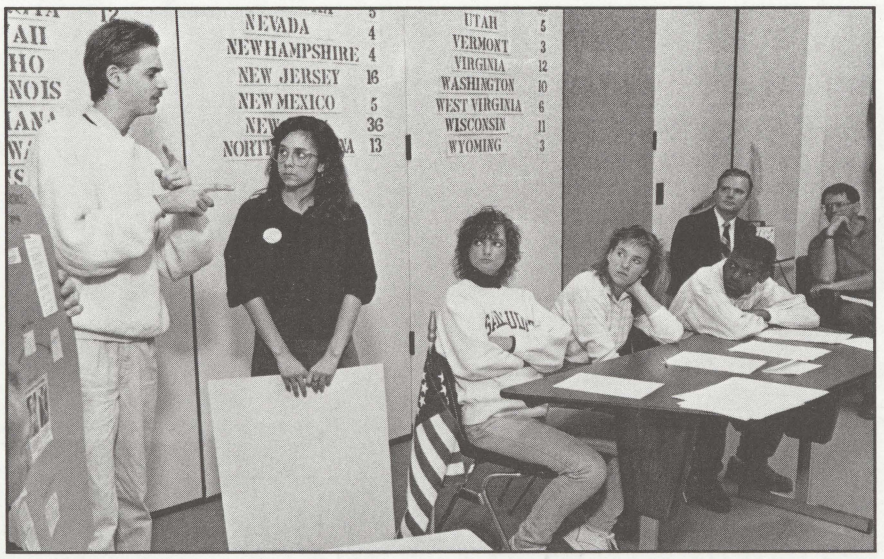
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MSSD social studies students Chris Lambert and Jeanette Pereira advocate the GOP platform in a Nov. 4 presidential debate. MSSD's mock election resulted in a win for Dukakis.

Grants help music program continue

Gallaudet's music program is in full swing this year thanks to Director Diane Merchant's success at writing grant proposals and getting four grants to fund the program.

The James M. Johnston Trust for Charitable and Educational Purposes is providing $5,000 for personnel. The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities gave $1,800 for the Le Quatre chamber percussion ensemble performance and workshop held here on Sept. 14.

Both the Beethoven Society and the Liberace Foundation contributed money to the University's endowment, $6,000 and $10,000 respectively, and designated that interest from these contributions go to the music program.

Although the music program has had enthusiastic support from the College of Arts of Sciences (CAS), there simply was no money available for the program, said Merchant, who began teaching one music course here in the fall of 1985.

Lack of funds spurred Merchant to add grant-writing to her teaching duties during the '86-'87 academic year. "I spent that year writing lots of grants," she said. "Two came through, and they were big enough to support one full-time staff member, myself, and about five other part-time staff."

The Purple Heart Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts provided grants that totaled $75,000. This money funded the '87-'88 academic year as well as a National Conference for Music Educators of the Hearing Impaired held here last summer.

CAS provided space and support for part-time music teachers, helped Merchant obtain instruments and supplies, and is paying Merchant's full-time salary this year for the first time.

Merchant, who is hearing impaired, has a bachelor's degree in music specializing in voice and piano and a master's degree in deaf education from the University of Tennessee.

Prior to last year's full-time position at Gallaudet, she worked on the music program while continuing her position as special education director for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Washington.

"In the hearing population, some individuals have more talent than others at picking up music. We're finding that true in the hearing impaired community as well," said Merchant. "I have a number of students who are exceptionally talented, but they hadn't had the opportunity to study music before. Once they tried their hand at it, they found that they are really good at it."

Gallaudet's music program now has 43 students studying the history of music and music theory, and playing piano, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, cello, trombone, flute, and percussion.

"I'm usually able to provide just what the students want to learn," said Merchant, who teaches each of the 43 students in some area. "If I don't have a teacher, I'm able to find one."

Even with a full-time teaching load, Merchant will soon be writing grant proposals to raise funds for next year.



Charles Mann (right), president of the Gallaudet Chapter of Sertoma International, presents the group's 1988 scholarship award to Amy Mathews, a graduate student in counseling, as Dr. Frank Zieziula, chairman of the Counseling Department, looks on.

Among Ourselves

Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry recently presented Gallaudet with the city's Beautification Award "in recognition of enhancing. . . [D.C.'s] landscape through exceptional floral displays and grounds maintenance." Ernest Spriggs, director of Physical Plant Administration, accepted the award on behalf of the University and has sent letters of commendation to Grounds Services staff.

Elaine Vance is the University's new benefits/employment specialist, the position previously held by Kayt Lewis. She will provide benefits and employment assistance and information to the campus community. Vance received her master's degree in business administration from Gallaudet. She worked at Gallaudet for several years in the Personnel Office, Business Services, and Student Health Service. Most recently she worked at Printers Plus, Inc. Vance's office is in College Hall, Room 13B, x5111.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: '82 Mazda GLC, 4 dr., auto., AC, sunroof, stereo, 69K mi. on car, 16K mi. on engine, $1,800/BO. Call Beth, x4049 or 942-5068 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Small camel statue, BR set, men's luggage, '87 Chevrolet Sprint, Plexiglass cocktail table 60"x28", folding art table 41"x31" w/high chair and supplies, Queen filter and Dustbuster vacuums, Westbend cooker, pans, pictures, garden tools, misc. household items. Call (301) 926-8089 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Bell & Howell 16 mm movie projector, exc. cond., $375/BO, call 794-5758 (TDD).

FOR SALE: 4-BR, 2-bath house, w/separate den, dining, and rec. rooms, CAC, W/D, remodeled eat-in kitchen w/DW, self-cleaning oven, and ice-maker refrigerator, min. from Gallaudet, $139,990. Call John, M-Tue., x5115.

WANTED: Nonsmoking, responsible F to share apt. in Lanham/Greenbelt, Md., priv. BR, share bath, microwave, W/D, DW, $187.50/mo. inc. util. Call Kelly, x3113 (TDD), 794-4421 (V), or 794-5475 (TDD).

FOR HIRE: Hearing impaired pianist, can play for weddings, 14 yrs. as soloist w/bands and at piano recitals, played clarinet 12 yrs., $50/ceremony neg. Call Monica Shimmin-Roehrig, x5252.

FREE: Kittens. Call x4283 (TDD) days or 547-0246 eves.

WANTED: House or townhouse to rent for Gallaudet staff member, approx. 2 BR, near Metro or train. Call Katy, x4424 or x5258.

CLASSIFIED ADS are offered as a free service for faculty and staff. Ads may continue for two weeks, space permitting. The deadline for submitting ads is Friday, 10 days before publication. Because of Thanksgiving break, however, there will be no Nov. 28 *OTG*. Deadline for the Dec. 5 issue is Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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